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Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.



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SPECIAL NOTICE

Attention, all pastors and Sunday School Superintendents! We have a very unusual situation in our Sunday School literature for the last quarter 1961 and the first quarter 1962. There are 14 Sundays last quarter 1961, and 12 Sundays first quarter 1962. This situation creates severe printing problems. We are not able to accommodate 14 lessons in our Beginner and Primary Flannelgraph and Workbooks. It was decided, therefore, that we would print 13 lessons both quarters as usual but make the first lesson in the first quarter (January) 1962, become the last lesson for December, 1961. This will mean that your December 31st lesson will appear as the first lesson in the January 1962 quarter. The *Beginner* and *Primary* material are all the Sunday School literature affected by this particular problem. You will need to order your January 1962 quarter materials at least *two weeks earlier* than usual. Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation.

COVER

The cover picture is the Park Avenue Church of God choir, from Memphis, Tennessee. Thomas Culp is our pastor. This choir was organized by Brother A. T. Humphries, Dean of Music at Lee College. Brother Humphries conducted a successful music school at Park Avenue, during which the choir was organized. It was formally presented to the congregation and the pastor during a special service. This group now has a total of 44 members, with officers consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and a librarian.

Morocco "wonder-loom" robes, which are a beautiful shade of maroon, and pennant stoles in egg-shell satin were purchased from the E. R. Moore Company. These robes will naturally enhance the beauty of the sanctuary and harmonize with the mural in the background as well as contribute to the worshipful atmosphere of the service.

We are pleased to report that this choir has been an inspiration and spiritual blessing to the entire church program. We have our prayer time as well as our scheduled practices. Our theme song is "Blessed Assurance," and our motto is a portion of the chorus "Praising my Saviour all the day long."

—Staten C. Hughes, choir president

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### WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 3. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 4. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 5. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 6. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 7. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 8. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 9. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 10. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 11. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 12. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 13. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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## OUR BROTHERHOOD

**N**O ONE CAN travel extensively in the work of the Lord without being impressed by the wonderful fellowship of the Church of God. I feel that the Lord justifies the pride I have in my brothers and sisters in Him. Sometime ago an infidel stated that no preachers are preaching today for the love of Christ, but that if material support were taken away from the ministry, no ministers would be left. Occasionally we hear such blasphemy against the Christian ministry, and many people unwittingly fall in step with such cynicism.

It is wonderful to realize that the Church of God ministry cannot justifiably be brought under such reproach. (I am certain that other groups can also testify to a God-given, inspired and charitable ministry, but I speak of the ones I know personally and am persuaded have complete integrity.) Many times this summer I have sat on platforms at our state conventions with a heart filled with compassion and courage because of the glorious company with which I associate. How proud I am just to mingle with them, much less to be called brother by them—men who labor untiringly for the Lord, who sacrifice for His cause, and whose lives are a testimony to His grace. I draw strength from my brethren because I love them, because I trust them, and because I know them to be sterling men of God. I thank the Lord that I can associate with them in this great labor of love.

I am happy that the Church of God ministers are Bible-loving, Bible-reading, Bible-believing, Bible-preaching men of God. I am happy to be accounted one of the group who love God supremely, desire to see souls saved passionately, pray unceasingly, and labor unselfishly. My heart is overwhelmed with thanksgiving each time I am permitted to be with a new section of this glorious company. May we, with increasing fervor and effectiveness, accomplish the work whereunto God hath called us.

*Editorials*—————

*Charles W. Cunn*

EMPEROR CHARLES V of the Holy Roman Empire once tried to make several clocks tick in perfect unison. After many days of failure he gave up in defeat, for even though the clocks would seem for a time to be ticking in unison, they soon were making an irregular and discordant noise. Admitting the impossibility of such continued harmony, the emperor expressed an

opinion that neither could several men be forced to think or act alike.

That is so. Just because the clocks would not tick together did not make of them any less a clock than the others, nor that any one of them was an incorrect keeper of time. They did the same job in their individual way. True unison is not so much in method as in effect.

Just because your fellow man does not always agree in thought or action with you—does not tick like you—it does not mean that he is any less Christian than you are, or that he is inferior to you in the work of the Lord. Just as each clock told correct time by its own rhythm of ticking, so must each of us get our work done in our own individual way.

## TRUE UNITY



By Gene Christenbury

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# Pastoral Leadership Through Counseling

ONE OF THE MOST important means of pastoral leadership is counseling with individuals. This gives the pastor an opportunity to work individually with the parishioner on his problems. It is in the counseling situation that the pastor and the parishioner can meet man-to-man, learning to know each other as persons and to understand themselves as individuals. It is in the counseling session that pastor and parishioner can get help from each other as they concentrate upon problems of mutual concern.

The problems that may be dealt with through counseling will be as varied as the personalities within the parish. Marital conflict, courtship, bad habits, fear, worry, doubt, unbelief, suffering and spiritual growth are examples of the types of problems that the pastor may be called upon to help solve. Whatever the particular counseling sessions may deal with, they provide excellent means of aiding individuals to become more self-directive and mature in facing life.

The greatest asset or liability of pastoral counseling is the attitude of both pastor and parishioner toward it. Literature is voluminous with evidence concerning the low level of enthusiasm displayed by individuals for the kind of counseling sessions they have had with pastors. The individual who approaches the pastor with the question, "What kind of sermon will he give me now?" sees counseling as an ordeal of criticism to be endured rather than a source of spiritual help.

It is extremely important that every pastor provide counseling in a way that will make individuals turn to it as a source of help with their problems. First, the pastor must establish rapport with the parishioner, and then he must de-

velop wholesome attitudes in parishioners toward himself and counseling. This can be done through daily contacts, chance meetings on the street, casual conversations after church services, and many other unofficial and unscheduled contacts, which the alert pastor may use to create a favorable attitude toward pastor-parishioner counseling. The better he knows the individual, the clearer the pastor may see his course of action and the greater will be his contribution to the solving of problems.

Constantly the pastor must strive for the individual's acceptance of him as a partner in the attempt to improve Christian maturity. Emphasis must constantly be placed upon the idea of mutual effort, so that each individual will welcome the aid of the pastor in solving problems commonly recognized. It is easy for the parishioner to become skeptical of many of the aims, methods, and theories of modern pastoral counseling, especially when he does not completely understand them. To interpret correctly the individual's reactions concerning the intention of the pastor is a skill to be developed devoutly. Only as the pastor is able to ascertain what the individual may be thinking is he able to develop proper attitudes and a recognition of the wisdom of plans mutually developed. Any counselor knows that he must become adept in sensing the real, often unmentioned, reactions toward him and toward different problems. It is easy for the pastor to antagonize unconsciously or to develop an emotional block in counseling.

The discussion of personal problems is at best a very difficult undertaking. It is one thing for the pastor to see ways of improving the pastor-parishioner situation. It is quite another to develop parishioner attitudes in order to render effective assistance. Displaying a friendly attitude and demonstrating a genuine and sincere desire to help will do much to assist the pastor in building wholesome and favorable parishioner attitudes toward his working with them individually.

THE CHRISTIAN IS better known as a disciple, one who has taken up his cross to follow the Lord Jesus. The reward is the payment received at the return of the Lord for his services rendered, not merely because he is a Christian, but for his works. Our rewards will Christ bring with Him, to give every man according to his works (Revelation 22:12). If our works consist of gold, silver, precious stones, hay, and stubble, they will be burned. The Christian will suffer loss of his reward, but he himself shall be saved; we are not saved by works alone.

To be true Christians our lives must be hid with God in Christ. The Christian is the light of Christ in a dark world, and his life must be placed upon the candlestick, which is symbolic of the true Church. He is a light in a great

ciple of Jesus Christ. It takes more than conviction to be a Christian; we must be born again of the Spirit.

The Apostle Peter defines the word *Christian* to include sufferings as well as blessings. ". . . If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Peter 4:16). From this Scripture we learn that the Christian life is closely related with that of Christ and that we must suffer with Him for His name's sake. If we suffer as a Christian, we shall also reign with Christ in His kingdom.

Paul had this to say, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). We must bear in mind the suffering of this present time is not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us at His coming. Our

# The Christian and His Reward

By Clyde C. Cox

PASTOR, EASLEY, SOUTH CAROLINA

*"And if a man  
also strive  
for masteries, yet is  
he not crowned,  
except he  
strive lawfully"  
(2 Timothy  
2:5).*

house, the world, that all may see his light and glorify his Father which is in heaven.

The word *Christian* is used only three times in the Scriptures. It was a term used in referring to a disciple of Christ, but it was not used until forty-one years after the birth of Jesus and about eight years after His death. The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26). This term identifies us as being yoked together with Christ Jesus and as true yokefellows separated from the unbelievers.

Paul stood before King Agrippa as the prisoner of the Lord and declared unto him the righteousness which is by faith. The king was convicted that Paul was a good man. "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian," he said. He was convinced that he should be a dis-

first thought may be adverse to the life of sufferings for His sake, but when we realize just how much good can be derived from our sufferings as a Christian, we are made to rejoice. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." We are admonished to look not at the things that are seen or suffered, but to the things that are not seen.

The Christian has a wicked foe; Satan dislikes the life of a disciple. The cross that he bears is a direct witness against Satan and his kingdom of darkness. The Christian has this strong consolation found in the words of David: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

We learn from the Scriptures

that our Lord suffered many things, but like a lamb before those that crucified Him, He opened not His mouth in accusation against them. Also in the Scriptures we are admonished to take our brethren, the prophets who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and count them happy which endure. We as Christians have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Christ very faithfully bore His cross; so must we have a cross to take up in our line of duty. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." The cross that Christians bear is not made of wood. The cross may be considered in the light of our yoke and burden. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls, For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Some Christians may take the yoke of Christ to be burdensome, but they have forgotten that Christ has purged them from the old yoke of bondage. We are free men and women. Christ has made us free; therefore, let us stand fast in the liberty and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

The Christians have a war to fight, and we are instructed to fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life. We are to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ and endure hardness in the battle. We must not entangle our Christian life with the affairs of the worldly life, that we may please Him who has chosen us to be a good soldier. In our warfare we are not to fight against flesh and blood, but against the powers of darkness and the ruler of sin, Satan himself.

All good soldiers are prepared for the conflicts of warfare that may confront them. The Christian soldier must also be fully clothed and equipped for his conflicts with Satan. Therefore, we must put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand in the evil

day and against the wiles of the devil. The most important part of our armour is the *truth*. We must also have on the breastplate of righteousness, and our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace—above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith we may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. We must not forget the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God—in addition, "Praying always with all prayer."

We as Christians are killed like sheep all the day long. However, since Jesus is our good Shepherd and the Bishop of our souls, He will go before us in the battle.

Bear in mind that every trial we undergo, Jesus has gone before us and suffered likewise. He laid down His life for us, and when we suffer as a Christian, we are taking the path where Jesus ended His sufferings for us.

The Apostle Paul said, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

### SIDE BY SIDE WALK





# SERVICEMEN'S DEPARTMENT



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## Meet Your Chaplain

THIS MONTH THE Servicemen's Department is featuring Chaplain, (Captain) Edward E. Shoupe, United States Air Force.

Chaplain Shoupe was born May 18, 1924, in Youngstown, Ohio. He was converted at the age of fifteen in the little country community of Cherry Lake, Florida. It was at this age that he saw his need of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. His conversion was a calm and purifying experience. He began a sincere study of the Bible and continued to consecrate and sanctify himself to God through prayer and meditation. He earnestly prayed that his life would be led by the Holy Spirit which abided in his life and is still present with him.

In 1942, Chaplain Shoupe joined the United States Naval Service. The same previous experiences of a deep and abiding nature still strengthened him. It was through God's sustaining power and grace that he was enabled to refrain from participating in the experiences which have brought guilt feelings of shame and self-reproach to many. His deep consecration and devotion to Christ enabled him to set an example of a godly life among the men with whom he worked.

On November 7, 1943, Chaplain Shoupe took as his bride Miss Doris Ruth Parrish of Tampa, Florida. They are now the proud parents of one son and two daughters. Mrs. Shoupe has been a constant source of encouragement and understanding, a stabilizing influence in her husband's work, a person who gives sacrificially without bitterness to the demands of the Christian ministry.

While in his last year of naval service, Chaplain Shoupe attended a church service in Miami, Florida, in which he received, with much awe and feelings of inability, the call into the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. There has been no doubt about the genuineness of his call from that time on.

After a year of evangelistic and supply pastor work, he saw his need of greater preparation for such a



Capt. Edward E. Shoupe, USAF

responsible and life-lasting call as the ministry of the gospel. He went to Florida Southern College, graduating with a B.A. degree in February, 1952. Continuing his preparations, he attended the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, receiving his B.D. degree in August, 1954. During his seminary training, he carried a three-fold responsibility—pastor, district overseer (serving eleven churches), and a full load of seminary work. God blessed abundantly through all his work.

It was due to Chaplain Shoupe's former years of service with the Armed Forces that he became interested in serving in the Chaplaincy. Upon entering the Chaplaincy, Chaplain Shoupe served three years as the hospital chaplain at the USAF Hospital, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. To better enable himself to be more effective in the institutional ministry, he pursued courses in clinical training for hospital chaplains. It is in this context that he feels his most rewarding experiences have come—sharing himself with those who are lonely, unhappy, bitter, suffering and dying.

Chaplain Shoupe is presently serving the religious needs of men who are stationed on remote Air Force Stations in Alaska. This ministry involves traveling from station to station, counseling, comforting and providing religious worship services. At the usual induction age many a person's religious convictions are not crystallized and many do not have a real Christian experience. It is difficult to describe the loneliness, the frustrations, the anxieties, and the attitudes which befall men in these isolated circumstances. Without practical and spiritual guidance, many will turn loose of what little impressions they do have concerning a guiding faith for life. There are many situations in the service in which men and women are sincerely trying to understand their faith, intellectually, because it has been put on the "firing line" or "weighed in the balances and found wanting." These people, therefore, find their "home town faith" wavering and they look for a mooring place while the storm of many experiences assail their frail craft. They need someone to guide them to this "mooring place."

Chaplain Shoupe is making a contribution to those in need of practical and spiritual help which will undergird, empower, and stabilize their Christian faith or, to those who have none, point them to the Lamb of God and Saviour of all mankind who can give them the very things for which they hunger and thirst.

It is our desire to encourage evangelical young ministers to prepare for a Chaplain's Commission with the United States Armed Forces, that they may give spiritual guidance to our American servicemen and their dependents. This area of service in the Lord's vineyard offers a tremendous opportunity for missionary work. If you are interested in this program write the Reverend H. D. Williams, Executive Director, Servicemen's Department, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee, for further information.



*I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith and love and every grace;  
Might more of His salvation know,  
And seek more earnestly His face.  
'Twas thus He taught me thus to  
pray;  
And He I think, has answered  
prayer;  
But it was done in such a way  
As almost drove me to despair.*

## UNANSWERED PRAYER

*By Mrs. F. W. Goff*

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**T**HE SUBJECT IS far too big for me. Wise men of old have pondered the question. Saints, whose lives gave forth the very fragrance of close communion with the heavenly Father have, at times, gazed dazedly into heaven and asked God, "Why?" Seemingly no answer comes. But beyond all doubts, apprehensions and fears there is a faith that is anchored in the Almighty and no matter what the circumstances, the bitter surroundings, we can know beyond a shadow of doubt that right will prevail. It may be tomorrow or it may not be until the dawn of that eternal day, but someday we shall understand and know that God "doeth all things well."

Such was the faith of the Hebrew boys. Among the youths of noble birth taken from Jerusalem to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar were Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. They found favor in the sight of the king and were immediately placed under an officer called Ashpenaz. According to custom their names were changed to Sha-

drach, Meshach and Abednego.

God was with them and granted them favor in the eyes of the chief officer and they were excused from the royal table. Circumstances indeed had changed their names but not their hearts. They remembered the law of Moses forbid the eating of certain kinds of food as well as food prepared in a certain way. Outwardly, perhaps it seemed a trivial thing, but faithfulness in small matters is the steppingstone to faithfulness in greater things.

For three years they studied at the Babylonian court, captives in a heathen land and surrounded by idolatry and superstition. Then the testing time came.

The king set up a great image in the Plain of Dura. "Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king

hath set up: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (Daniel 3:4-6).

Therefore, when they heard the sound of the music all the people fell down—no, not all—for in the midst were the three Hebrew boys who dared to be different. Now that was not easy for them to do; neither is it easy for us today. The man who dares to be different is frowned upon. Even in some religious circles it is so. It is not the easiest thing to stand for the truth when all around we hear "everyone does this now." It takes a genuine Christian with firm convictions to disassociate himself from the crowd, to risk ridicule, scorn or other consequences, to be true to the principles that are just and right.

Witness the courageous answer of these lads when faced with the accusation: "O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver



us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Daniel 3:16, 17).

Surely this is one of the greatest declarations of faith in God's Word. Their God was fully able, this they knew; but if it was not His will, no matter. They knew their duty and it was better to die with His favor than to live without it.

They were bound and thrown into the furnace. But listen as Nebuchadnezzar gazes upon the scene.

*Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.*

*He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (Daniel 3:24, 25).*

God did not deliver them from the test, but through the test.

JOB ALSO HAD this kind of faith. Job lived in the land of Uz, a section of country south of Edom and west of the Arabian desert, extending to Chaldea. The Scriptures say that he was perfect and upright, one that feared God and eschewed evil. Job was a man of great wealth, with houses and lands and many oxen, sheep and camels. He was the greatest of all the men of the East.

Job was a happy man for God had blessed him with seven sons and three daughters. He was keenly aware of his responsibilities as a father for he offered sacrifices according to the number of them all. Yes, he was a blessed man, but in the midst of plenty the nest he was prepared to die in was snatched away.

"Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped.

"And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

"In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:20-22).

Surely the devil expected Job to curse God. But not so; the nature and power of his faith sustained him.

His wife also railed upon him: "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die."

Job answered her: "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?"

Job's faith was not to be shaken by his terrible losses, his wife's reproaches or his friends' accusations. It was glorious faith that enabled him, though in the midst of despair, to go forward, to look far beyond the physical eyes' vision and see God and know that right would prevail. His words in Job 19:23-27 are classic:

*Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.*

THE GREAT APOSTLE Paul was not exempt from suffering. On one occasion speaking of his afflictions he said:

*Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;*

*In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils*

*by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;*

*In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness (2 Corinthians 11:24-27).*

Did this dismay? A thousand times no. His faith was securely anchored in Christ. Cast into a Roman prison he wrote:

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:35-39).*

Christian friend, are you fully trusting God? In the days of adversity can you say "None of these things move me"? Or is your life full of resentment and strife? Do you think your tears are in vain and your prayers unanswered? Sometimes in our eagerness, our shortsightedness, we cry for the answer now, when God wills it otherwise. Perhaps "some better thing" awaits us.

It may be that God is molding us into a vessel of honor. Sometimes the vessel is marred in the hands of the potter and must be molded again. Are you not willing that He mold it into another vessel as pleaseth Him?

Unanswered prayer—perhaps for a season, but faith that is anchored in God will have its answer sometime, somewhere.

# BLESSED LIGHT, CRUEL DARKNESS

*A Sermon in Two Parts*

*By Ernest M. Smith*

PASTOR, CHURCH OF GOD, BONHAM, TEXAS

*"Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty" (Psalm 74:20).*

THE PEOPLE WHICH sat in darkness saw great light" (Matthew 4:16). God chose a man—Abram, and then a family—Abraham's family, and then a nation—the Hebrew nation. Why? To give the people who lived in spiritual darkness light, the light of His truth. The man, the family, and the nation did well as long as they walked in this light of God's Word. But as they grew in numerical strength and material wealth their gold and their gadgets became their gods. They forgot their Creator and lost out with God, forfeiting their right to God's care and leadership. Their light became darkness.

Oh, how cruel and horrible was that darkness! "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you" (John 12:35). We must evangelize or we'll become fossilized. They began to degenerate into idol worship; then God gave them up to their pomp and vanity. (God, forgive us for our vanity today. May God save us from ourselves.) God left them without priest or prophet, and their song of praise was silenced for 400 years. (Oh, the horror of being left alone without a ray of light from God!)

Then one day a mother and her Babe, a Boy, entered the Temple at Jerusalem. Simon, a man of God, took the baby Boy in his arms and the Spirit of the living God came upon Simon. Simon prophesied that this child would be

"a light to lighten the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32). Since that day, two thousand years ago, the Gentiles have had the blessed light. How thankful you and I should be that we have had the light of the gospel, for where the gospel has not been preached, men still grope in the cruelty of heathen darkness.

Brother and Sister, were it not for the light of the gospel, you and I might be drunkards and dope addicts, or worse. In the cruel spiritual darkness of the unevangelized, heathen world men are still head-hunting cannibals. Many millions have no preacher, no Bible, no Sunday School, no church. All of this and worse had occurred because of the lack of the blessed light. Two thousand years ago Jesus gave the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Take the gospel to the dark places of the earth. Today that command is still unheeded. One-half the world does not know the blessedness of the light of God's gospel. They have not heard because we have not told them; therefore, they cannot believe.

GOD SAID He made no difference between races and would save any and all who will call upon Him. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14, 15). How, how, how? Young men and women are eagerly waiting for us to send them. May God help us to do our

part to get the light of the gospel to the dark places of the earth.

Someone may say, "Oh, if God sends them He will provide the way and they will go." Please, let us not lay the blame upon God. God provides through men. God is far more eager to get the light to them than we have ever been. We do not have to persuade God to become interested in missions. God is ready and has given us orders to go or to send. Some countries will not let a missionary cross their borders to preach to the heathen unless the missionary is a college graduate and is financially backed by some prominent organization.

Think about this. Seventeen hundred different language groups have no Bible, no printed Scripture in their language. How terrible it must be to have no Bible for the solution of problems, no Scriptures to give light and comfort, no church and no Sunday School!

One-half of the world has not yet heard the gospel. Untold millions are in these groups. Jesus told us to tell the untold, but still there are millions untold. It is my opinion that the told must tell, the found must find, the saved must save. More than a thousand million persons have never heard the gospel—not even one time. Their little ones have never been inside a Sunday School room or heard a Bible story. They must grope through life half-starved with a bloated little body. They are waiting, waiting, waiting for someone who has the gospel light to shine it their way so they can find the way to happiness and heaven.

(Continued next week)

THE TALL PINES with their whispering breeze and the gentle snore of the river seemed to say with a spirit of prayer, that the day of the Washington Camp Meeting had begun. Morning became electric; the great poles of prayer were erected, the lines of praise strung and the master switch ready; it was the first day of the old-fashioned camp meeting time in Washington!

It seemed that even the animals occupying our beautiful campground, located high in the mountains just off Highway 99 leading into Woodland, Washington, sensed a change. The deer that frolicked on the playgrounds before youth camp were now shy and timid; the bears would come out only at night to eat from the garbage that had been emptied from the kitchen; only the squirrels and rabbits made an appearance in the day.

People came in from all sections of the state, and the campground was soon filled to capacity. The first service of the meeting was charged with a current from another world. A heavenly atmosphere prevailed in the rustic wooden tabernacle which was almost filled for the beginning of the camp meeting. Each service seemed to surpass the last until it seemed no climax was possible.

Brother Wallace Swiley, Jr., State Youth Director of Georgia, who was our night evangelist, brought a series of inspired messages which were echoed throughout the entire State. God anointed him with His glorious power each night, and many souls prayed through in our altars with the results being 40 saved, 38 sanctified and 34 received the Holy Ghost.

The Bible study each day, brought by Bro. H. B. Thompson, pastor of McKinleyville, California, was power-filled and Holy Ghost anointed. Each morning the attendance grew as the wonderful services were noised abroad.

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## Washington State Camp Meeting 1961

General Overseer, Brother Wade H. Horton, added to the greatness of the camp meeting. He blessed our souls as the wonderful Spirit of God filled the tabernacle. God blessed greatly our own ministers of the State, as they brought forth wonderful messages time after time.

God has wonderfully blessed the State of Washington in the past ten months, and the missions service on Sunday morning certainly served as proof of this fact with a wonderful mission offering received, which lacked only a few hundred dollars being as much as was raised by Oregon and Washington together last year. We are so thankful to God for His many blessings.

The testimonies of the preachers expressed that they had never witnessed a camp meeting or youth camp like the one God blessed us with this year. Brother Olds, Sister Snapp, Brother Barber and others said that the youth camp surpassed anything heretofore. One of our pastors stated that in his 30 years of ministry he had never witnessed a camp meeting like this one that God has wonderfully given us. Brother Barber, our campground caretaker, previous to the camp meeting, stated that he hoped to be in another old-fashioned camp meeting. You could hear him as he walked around the grounds during the camp meeting shouting, "This is it, this is it!"

The planning for youth camp and camp meeting seemed to be perfect, as the various committees did such a wonderful job with each task assigned them. We thank God for each worker behind the scenes that worked faithfully in order to

make the camp meeting the success it was.

The state overseer, Brother Tommie F. Harper, and the youth director, Brother Bob Moore, worked long hours the two weeks previous to camp meeting getting things ready for these great meetings. They were repaid many times by seeing souls pray through in the altars and certainly they give God all the honor and glory for what was accomplished.

Washington State has increased in property value \$43,000, and two new churches have been organized at Vancouver and at Anacortes. In Vancouver the church bought a Christian Day School for \$6,500 and the new Anacortes church purchased a nice church and a parsonage with four bedrooms for \$12,500. We also have new parsonages at Auburn, Kelso, and Tumwater. East Wenatchee is in the process of building a new parsonage at this time. Pasco has purchased lots to build a new parsonage, which will be started soon. Port Angeles has done considerable work on their church, remodeling their auditorium to make room for their growing congregation. The church at Kelso has also worked hard finishing their basement and improving the outside of their church. Oak Harbor is now building a new church which will be completed in the near future. For all this we give God the glory, and praise Him for all the accomplishments.

Pray for us that we will continue to grow by the help and grace of God. Also join us in prayer for workers which are badly needed in our state and over the entire Pacific Northwest. —Reporter



Pray for a very important request.  
—A sister in Christ

Pray earnestly for God to restore a broken home.—A reader of the Evangel

Pray that a very grave problem will be solved and that a great need in my life will be supplied. Also pray that my children will be saved. —A member

Pray that God will keep His hand on my son. —A sister in Christ

Pray that the Lord will help my feet as I suffer untold misery with them.  
—W. L. McFadden  
Route 1  
Searcy, Arkansas

Pray that the Lord will heal me of cancer.  
—Ola Ledbetter  
Herod, Illinois

Pray for my healing and that the Lord will help me through some hard trials.  
—Marion Frazier  
General Delivery  
Frankfort, Kentucky

Pray for the Lord to heal my body of a serious ailment and also to supply my financial needs. —A sister in Christ

Pray that the Lord will heal my leg so that I will be able to walk on it.  
—Agnes Steele  
4102 Edgewood  
Dearborn, Michigan

Pray for my mother-in-law who has cancer. Also pray for our financial needs.  
—Mrs. Doris Metcalf

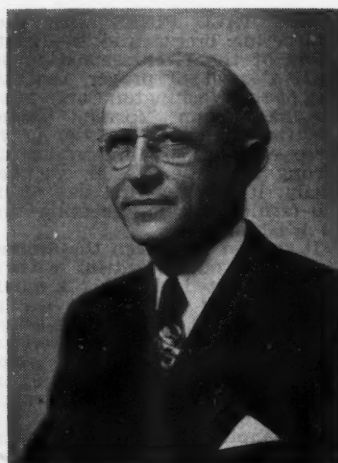
Pray for the healing of my body.  
—A brother in Christ  
Indiana



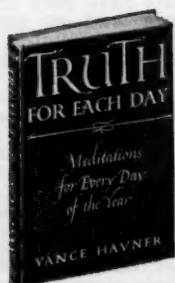
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# Hitching Your Star to a Wagon

By Hollis L. Green

An article on Vocational Guidance for Youth

(Continued from November 6)

## II. VIEW THE VEHICLE

### *analyze yourself honestly*

Take a long look at the original equipment God has given you. Examine this vehicle called *you* and find some place to hitch your star. God has a plan for your life. You have a contribution to make to society.

"So, your first step is dedication," says Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, "yielding yourself to God in complete surrender" (Romans 12:1-2). Then, make an honest evaluation of yourself: determine your talents, your likes and dislikes, your personal ambitions, your opportunities for training. Be honest—even if it hurts!"

### *sponging off Socrates*

A famous principle of the great philosopher, Socrates, is "know thyself." It remains the watermark of every study in philosophy, psychology, education and theology. He was poisoned for giving people advice (perhaps I should heed the warning), but this principle cannot be overlooked.

You must know yourself! What subjects do you like in school? How are your grades? Do you have good study habits? You usually do your best in the subjects you like. This will help determine your interests. You must also consider personality, health, eyesight, dexterity and skill with your hands, talent and other special gifts. These are your innate abilities—your original equipment.

How strong is your belief in yourself? Do you have self-confidence and poise? It is well to begin practicing while you are still in school.

What about your outside interests? Do you have a special hobby? Many have found their career through a hobby.

What about your friendships and group contacts? Do you have leadership ability? Do you get along better with a crowd or are you a "lone wolf" type who prefers to work and play alone?

### *get a safety sticker*

It is better to be safe than sorry. Self-analysis is important. It will help you determine your vocational objective. Rate yourself (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) in the following characteristics. Be honest with yourself, but not severe. Give yourself credit for things you can do well. Admit your weaknesses. Try to think of ways to better the areas where improvement is needed.

Analyze yourself honestly. Place the number in the parentheses. (1) is excellent, (2) is good, (3) is fair, (4) is poor and (5) is bad.

- ( ) Ability to make and keep friends
- ( ) Consideration for others
- ( ) Emotional stability
- ( ) Eyesight
- ( ) General intelligence
- ( ) Physical appearance
- ( ) Health
- ( ) Hearing
- ( ) Language interest and aptitude
- ( ) Leadership ability
- ( ) Mathematical interest
- ( ) Mechanical interest
- ( ) Persistence
- ( ) Personal hygiene

- ( ) Poise
- ( ) Procrastination
- ( ) Special skills
- ( ) Special talent
- ( ) Special training
- ( ) Thrift

Now see where you stand. Is it safe to steer your wagon in the direction of your desired vocation? (1), (2) and (3) are safe. (4) is unpromising. (5) is not good at all.

With your personal survey facts in mind, you should return to your library and investigate the vocations of special interest to you. Check to see if you have what it takes to be successful in that particular field. You are now equipped with sufficient information to make a proper decision.

### *"square pegs in round holes"*

Have you ever been in a crowd where you didn't fit? Have you felt out of place? Uncomfortable, isn't it? To see the many misfits in the world, employees dissatisfied with their present positions, is a great tragedy of our time. A widespread problem of modern life is the spiritual sterility and lack of meaning in most jobs of our industrialized society. You have no reason to fear. Base your decision on facts.

A strategy for bringing the gospel closer to the work of the world should be developed. You can help by narrowing the gulf between faith and work. Make your vocational choice in the light of knowledge and God's will and you will be happy with your work. This will give you the opportunity of being a happy Christian witness.

## MEET OUR YOUTH

DONALD DeFINO  
Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Donald is studying to teach high school history and government. Presently, he is attending Millers-

ville State College, Millersville, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Lebanon High School on June 9, 1960.

Donald was born November 25, 1942, in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Presently, he is living at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where his parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. DeFino, are pastoring. He was converted at the age of 8.

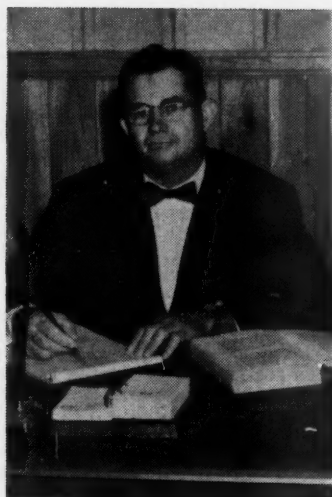
At church Donald is a member of the Youth board, member of the choir, and an assistant Sunday School teacher. In school, he is a member of the band. During the summer and after school, he is employed as a cashier for a large chain grocery store.

To Donald, being a Christian means "a very enjoyable life. It offers peace and satisfaction, knowing that you are pleasing God and man."

Favorite Bible verse: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).



# in memoriam



## COMBS

Rev. Virgil Dewey Combs of Lake City, Florida, passed away at his residence on Lakewood Drive in Lake City, Wednesday morning July 19, 1961. It was in the early morning hours that the spirit departed the body to be at rest in the paradise of God, thus ended the life span of 62 years, of which 34 years had been spent serving the Lord. He was a native of Baker County and a licensed minister in the Church of God since June, 1933. In the year 1936 he was ordained. He had held many high offices in the system of the Church, including district overseer of the Asheville, Wilmington, Charlotte and Greensboro, North Carolina, districts. He organized and established 13 churches and built a number of churches and parsonages. He was on the editorial board of the Church of God Publishing Company for a number of years. Brother Combs was active in and contributed much to the Florida State Bible School at Wimauma, Florida, and the North Carolina Bible School. He had been pastor of the following churches: Bartow, Cocoa, Wimauma and Largo, Florida, and Asheville, Wilmington (Ranlo), North Carolina. In 1954 he was appointed state overseer of the New England States and served two years. In 1956 he was appointed Overseer of Louisiana, where he served two years, after which he returned to North Carolina, where he served as pastor of the Asheboro Church of God for two years. Ill health forced his retirement. He moved to Lake City, February 15, 1961.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 22, at 2 p.m., in the Lake City Church of God with Rev. James A. Cross of Cleveland, Tennessee, General Overseer of the Churches of God, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. H. L. Chesser of Tampa, Florida, former General Overseer; Rev. E. C. Thomas, Publisher of the Church of God Publishing House, and the Rev. M. M. Thomas, pastor of the Lake City Church of God. The singing was by the

male quartet of the Asheboro, North Carolina, Church of God. Pallbearers were the following nephews of the deceased: Lindsey Croft, L. C. Cobb, T. J. West, Lacy Combs, L. E. Combs and B. R. Dinkins, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were ministers of the Church of God. Interment was in the family plot in Taylor Cemetery, Baker County. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Doris A. Cobb Combs, Lake City; one daughter, Mrs. Gloria Herron, Wake Forest, North Carolina; five sisters: Mrs. Ethel Taylor, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Elva Dinkins, MacClenny, Florida; Mrs. Sarah Walker, Hilliard, Florida; and Mrs. Mattie Williams and Mrs. Lois Dowling, both of Jacksonville, Florida; two brothers: Forest Combs, Jacksonville; and Glen Combs, MacClenny, Florida; two grandchildren, Gary and Cheryl Herron, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Through his years of Christian service, he lived a life dedicated to the cause of Christ and remained true unto the end. Long will live the memory of the kind words he spoke, the smile he wore, and his faithfulness to the service of Christ and the Church.

—M. M. Thomas, Pastor

## METTS

Sister Iva Metts, 59, departed this life on June 19, 1961. She passed away in her sleep on Sunday night after attending both services at her church on Sunday. Sister Metts had been a very faithful and devoted member of the Naples, Florida, Church of God for many years. The church, as well as the family of this dear sister, has suffered a great loss. She was a real prayer warrior and was greatly concerned about the spiritual welfare of the church.

Her funeral was conducted at the Church of God in Naples, Florida, by her pastor, the Rev. Paul S. Shoemaker and the Rev. F. F. O'Bannon. She is survived by her husband, Robert Metts, 2 sons, 5 daughters, 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Another faithful Christian has been called home by the Master.

—Paul S. Shoemaker, pastor

## JACKSON

Floyd Jackson, 76, a charter member of the North Woodville Church of God, Paris, Michigan, passed away on August 14, 1961. His wife preceded him in death by 4 years. Brother Jackson was clerk of the church for 26 years and a trustee for much of that time.

He is survived by 8 children of which 7 are Christians, one a minister. His funeral was conducted in his home church by the pastor, M. L. Lowe. His body was laid to rest to await the glorious resurrection and a happy reunion.

—M. L. Lowe, pastor

## CAZEE

George D. Caze, 61, of Odessa, Texas, passed away Thursday, April 27, 1961, at San Angelo, Texas. Mr. Caze had been a member of the Church of God for 28 years and had served as deacon, trustee, and clerk.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Velma Caze, 4 daughters, Mrs. B. E. Smith, Mrs. M. A. McGee, Mrs. C. D. Russ, all of San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. B. L. Hunter of Eastland, Texas; 2 sons, Clarence R. of

Omaha, Nebraska, and George K. of Hobbs, New Mexico; 3 sisters, Mrs. M. V. Harrison of Ranger, Texas, Mrs. George McIntire of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. Leona Lorents of Bakersville, California; a granddaughter, Linda Nell Dority, living with grandparents in Odessa, and 19 other grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 9:30 a.m., April 30, at the Odessa Church of God with the Reverends Howard D. Statum and Dilbert Mitchell officiating. Graveside service with the Reverend H. L. Shires officiating and interment was at 4 p.m., April 30, at the Evergreen Cemetery, Ranger, Texas.

—Reporter

## SWILLING

Miss Maggie Swilling, 78, departed this life to be with the Lord on August 31, 1961. She was a charter member of the Alma, Georgia, Church of God. Even through her sickness and until her death, those who visited her were inspired and blessed by her testimony and love for the Lord. Surely our loss is heaven's gain.

—C. C. Hyers, clerk

## HORTON

Grover Glen Horton of Oneonta, Alabama, departed this life on May 18, 1961, at Blount Memorial Hospital, at an early age of 3 years. Little Glen was a victim of cancer, which so ruthlessly forced its way into this life with severe pain and suffering. But thanks be unto God he is at rest now with our Lord Jesus Christ, where there is no suffering or pain. Surely this must be a jewel in the great kingdom of God. Through local churches, telegram, telephone, radio and the Evangel, prayer requests were made, yet it was not God's will for him to be healed.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Horton; 2 brothers, Don and Terry; 1 sister, Donnette; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Painter; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Horton.

His funeral was conducted at the Mt. Zion Church of God by Rev. W. E. Hodo, Rev. Raymond Maxwell, Rev. J. A. Smallwood and Rev. H. E. McDowell, pastor. Burial was in Ebenezer Cemetery.

—H. E. McDowell, pastor

## SMITH

The Rev. Albert L. Smith, 67, of Manns Choice, Pennsylvania, went to be with the Lord on September 13, 1961. He suffered a heart attack. He was a minister in the Church of God for 35 years. A member of the Church of God at Manns Choice where he pastored for 27 years. He had retired 3 years ago.

He is survived by his widow, the former Della Denker; a daughter, Mrs. Marie Nuzum of St. Louis, Missouri; a foster son, G. M. Bloomingdale, Jr., serving with the U.S. Navy at Newport News, Virginia; 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Ministers officiating at the funeral were Rev. C. M. Truesdell, and Rev. James L. Stephens, Overseer of Pennsylvania. Interment was at the Bedford County Memorial Park, Bedford, Pennsylvania.

—Mrs. A. L. Smith

## KIRKLAND

Mrs. Courtney Courson Kirkland, wife of M. D. Kirkland, was born May 9, 1910, and departed this life August 30, 1961.

She was a member of the West Green Church of God and one who loved her church, leaving a beautiful testimony in Sunday night before being stricken the following Wednesday. She had suffered greatly over a period of years, but always had a kind word and sweet smile for everyone. She loved to sing and, though she has passed on to a land of song, it seems the echoes from her singing here lingers on as a constant reminder of her faith and loyalty.

Truly to have known her was to have loved her and as has been said countless



times through the ages of those who have gone on, we miss her so much, but are comforted and sustained in knowing that our loss is heaven's gain. We look forward to the time when we shall meet again in the beautiful city of God.

—Mrs. Myrtle Jackson, reporter

#### HENRY

Margaret Susan Henry, born September 8, 1947, passed away on August 12, 1961. She was a member of the Indianola Church of God. She was loved by those who knew her and was faithful in Sunday School and Y.P.E. She will be missed by the church and others, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. —A. B. Everett, pastor

#### ANDERSON

Rev. Columbus Albert Anderson, 66, departed this life, September 28, 1961. The Spirit departed the body to rest in the paradise of God. His body awaits the resurrection in the Pal Chapel Cemetery.

Brother Anderson has long been a resident of Cullman, Alabama, and was a member of the Garden City Church of God. He leaves a great vacancy in the Garden City Church. Long will live the memory of the kind words he spoke and the smile he wore. His testimony lives on and his service in the church will not be forgotten.

Brother Anderson held license in the Church of God for several years, pastoring three churches in Alabama and two in Mississippi. I visited his home a few hours before his death and we prayed and Brother Anderson shouted the victory and stated these words: "It is wonderful to have Jesus with you." We thank God for these words of comfort.

He leaves to mourn his passing his faithful wife, Sister Mamie L. Anderson; 5 girls, 1 boy; his mother, Mrs. May Anderson; 4 brothers; 6 sisters; 22 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

—Wesley Barnett, pastor

#### BYROM

Mrs. Regina Byrom, born September 6, 1907, died July 17, 1961, as the result of injuries received in a violent automobile accident in the area of Welsh, Louisiana. Sister Byrom lived only two and one half hours after the accident, and her 18-year-old son, Emmette Carl, died 16 days later. They were both at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital. Brother Byrom was also injured, but, through the goodness of God is recovering splendidly.

Sister Byrom and Emmette Carl were both residents of Groves, Texas, and attended the Groves Church of God. Sister Byrom was one of the first members of this local church. When she became acquainted with the Lord, she was converted from the Catholic faith into the Central Assembly of God Church in Port Arthur, Texas. Under the faithful influence and guidance of Sister Dora Waldron, a Church of God was begun in the Groves area in the home of Sister Byrom. The nice property that stands in Groves today as a monument for God and the Church of God, can well be contributed to the wise counsel and faithfulness of Sister Byrom. When almost all others would in times of severe trial feel it hopeless to try to go on, Sister Byrom's encouraging words were a source of great strength.

The church greatly misses Sister Byrom because of all her works that are left as a memorial to her life of holiness. I shall never forget the last testimony that Sister Byrom gave in prayer meeting prior to the accident. She stated that she was not as strong as she was some time back, but the determination to do more for God was in her heart, and even though she wasn't able, God had raised up her children and the younger folks of this church to carry on. Little did she or any of the members of the congregation realize this was her last testimony.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Charles E. Prince, and was assisted by Rev. E. M. Smith, a former pastor. She

is survived by her husband, Emmette C. Byrom; one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Boehm; three sons, Charles T., Clayton R., and Nathan Joel; her father, Charles Borel; eleven grandchildren and a host of friends.

Emmette Carl, a senior in Port-Neches-Groves High School, was unconscious from the night of the accident until the time of his death. He had testified to being saved during a revival at the church in January. All of us who were praying so hard for Carl's recovery and also for his soul's eternal welfare, feel confident that he went to meet his mother in heaven and to meet Jesus in peace. Some of the incidents that happened during the time he was in the hospital gave us this assurance. Emmette Carl, is survived by his father, one sister, and three brothers, all of Groves, Texas.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Charles E. Prince. His brother, Clayton, has said: "We know that we will meet them again at that great day." I, too, have that hope in my heart.

—Charles E. Prince, pastor

#### STAFFORD

W. W. Stafford, Sr., 34, was called home to be with Jesus on October 2, 1961. He was a member of the Rincon Church of God. Brother Stafford's death was caused by a rattlesnake bite on the leg which he received on October 1.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a devoted wife, 2 daughters and 1 son.

The Rincon Church will greatly feel the loss of this brother whom we found to be a blessing to the organization of the Rincon Church.

—Guy McLamb, pastor

#### ROPER

Brother Carl Roper, a member of the Whittier, North Carolina, Church of God, departed this life October 12, 1961, after a short illness.

Although he had a heart condition that seemed to limit his desire to work for the Lord, he had a testimony until death that he was faithful to the church. He will be greatly missed, not only by his wife and daughter, who also are faithful members of our church, but also by his many friends.

—A. E. Gregory, pastor

#### BEALL

On August 1, 1961, the death angel took our dear mother, Mrs. Rosa Beall, to be with Jesus. She was born in Steventville, Texas, January 23, 1877. In 1929, she joined the Church of God in Sweetwater, Texas. It was in her home that the evangelists and workers stayed while digging out the work in that city.

She leaves 3 daughters, Buna Teston, Annie Hill and Mamie Allen; 2 sons, Ross and Alvie Hill. She was laid to rest in the Sunnyside Memorial Park, Long Beach, California.

—Annie Hill, daughter

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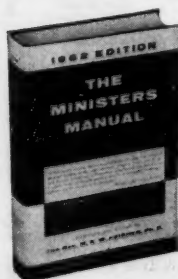
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